

# Exploration Life Support

## ELS Functions & Materials Interfaces

# Advanced Life Support Analysis

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- Centered around Unit Operations like:
  - Evaporation, Pervaporation, Adsorption, Desorption, of both liquids and gases
- Develop White Papers which allow us to take information from the literature and emphasize their applicability to ELS
- Tools include Aspen Custom Modeler which we have used to build a library of Tools and Unit Ops Models

Table 3 - Chemical composition of key materials (Ref 12, 29, 30, 32).

Material	ID	Atom	Z	A	Atoms/gram	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Aluminum 2219	ALM	Al	13	27	2.08E+22	2.83
		Ti	22	48	7.53E+18	
		V	23	51	2.18E+19	
		Mn	25	55	3.31E+19	
		Cu	29	64	5.90E+20	
		Zr	40	91	1.19E+19	
Poly-etherimide	PEI	H	1	1	2.44E+22	1.27
		C	6	12	3.76E+22	
		N	7	14	2.03E+21	
		O	8	16	6.10E+21	
Polysulfone	PSF	H	1	1	3.00E+22	1.24
		C	6	12	3.68E+22	
		O	8	16	5.45E+21	
		S	16	32	1.36E+21	
Poly-ethylene	PET	H	1	1	8.60E+22	0.92
		C	6	12	4.30E+22	
Water		H	1	1	6.69E+22	1.00
		O	8	16	3.34E+22	
Food (Molasses) C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>		C	6	12	2.01E+22	1.48
		H	1	1	4.01E+22	
		O	8	16	2.01E+22	
Carbohydrate C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	CHO	C	6	12	2.01E+22	0.81 (granulated sugar)
		H	1	1	4.01E+22	
		O	8	16	2.01E+22	
Fat C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>		C	6	12	3.76E+22	0.93 (Crisco)
		H	1	1	7.53E+22	
		O	8	16	4.70E+21	
Protein C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ON		C	6	12	2.90E+22	0.93 (gelatin)
		H	1	1	3.63E+22	
		O	8	16	7.26E+21	
		N	7	14	7.26E+21	
Fiber C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub>		C	6	12	2.23E+22	
		H	1	1	3.72E+22	
		O	8	16	1.86E+22	
Lithium Hydride	LiH	H	1	1	7.53E+22	0.82
		Li	3	7	7.53E+22	
Liquid methane	LME	H	1	1	1.51E+23	0.47
		C	6	12	3.76E+22	
Graphite nanofibers	GNF	H	1	1	4.04E+23	2.25
		C	6	12	1.63E+22	
Liquid hydrogen	LH2	H	1	1	6.02E+23	0.07

# Summary of Recommendations for Constellation Mission Systems

Vehicle	Nominal Total Pressure	Nominal Oxygen Partial Pressure (mmHg) <sup>4</sup>	Nominal Oxygen Concentration (%)	Range of Total Pressure Capability	Tissue Ratio (R) After 60 Minutes Prebreath
CEV to ISS	14.7 10.2 <sup>5</sup>	160 (0 ft) 140 (3500 ft)	21 26.5	0-14.9	
CEV In-Space Suit	4.3	222	100	4.0-4.6	1.55 from 10.2 psia CEV to 4.3 psia suit
Lunar and Mars CEV	14.7 10.2	160 (0 ft) 140 (3500 ft)	21 26.5	0-14.9	
Lunar and Mars Landers	10.2 8.0	140 (3500 ft) 132 (5000 ft)	26.5 32	0-14.9	
Lunar and Mars Surface Suits	4.3 6.0	222 310	100 100	3.5-8.0 <sup>2</sup>	1.13 from 8.0 psia Landers to 4.3 psia suit; 1.07 from 7.6 psia Surface Habitats to 4.3 psia suit
Lunar and Mars Surface Habitats	8.0 7.6	132 (5000 ft) 126 (6500 ft)	32 32	0-14.9	
Mars Transit	14.7 10.2	160 (0 ft) 140 (3500 ft)	21 26.5	0-14.9	

**Note 1:** Range of total pressure capability covers Earth launch, Earth entry, and contingencies.

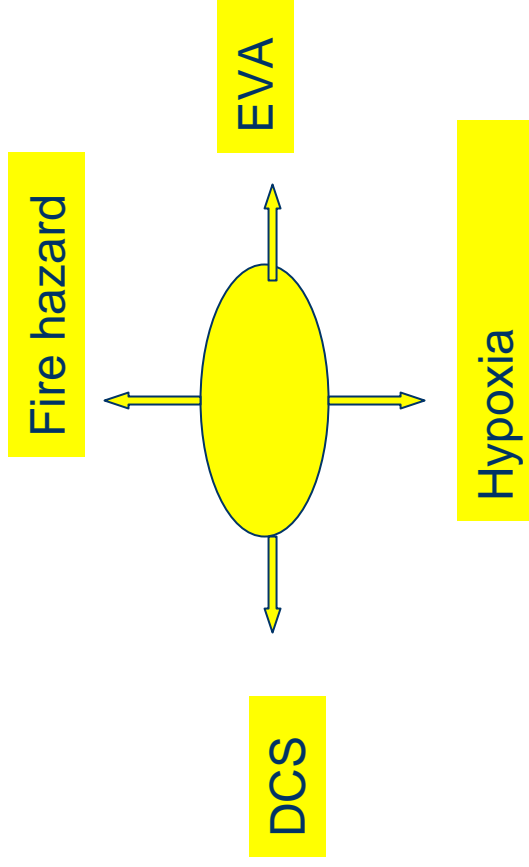
**Note 2:** Surface suit 3.5 psia capability for suit emergency operations, 8.0 psia for DCS treatment.

**Note 3:** 60 minute in-suit prebreath is defined as the time in the suit after purge and leak check until

absolute pressure on the body reaches 4.3 psia after a nominal depressurization. Nitrogen is assumed diluent gas.

**Note 4:** All nominal values are centers of control boxes assumed +/-0.2 psia total pressure, +/-2% oxygen.

# Exploration Atmospheres



# Events Leading Up to the EAWG

- Data on DCS came mostly from Dr. Johnny Conkin who in turn obtained a good deal of data from Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio. Dr Conkin's work is involved with DCS Physiology.
- Our involvement started trying to define the atmosphere necessary for a successful Mars mission which was felt by many to have many EVA's to make it a success.
- Formed a working group led by Dr Don Henninger at JSC where experts in all the associated fields were invited to participate

# **Bounding the Spacecraft Atmosphere Design Space for Future Exploration Missions**



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**Bounding the Spacecraft Atmosphere  
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**Space for Future Exploration Missions**

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# Flammable Materials at oxygen enriched atmospheres

- In order for ignition to occur there must be present: oxidizer, fuel, and ignition energy
- A flammable substance in the presence of O<sub>2</sub> requires only the necessary energy and combustion can occur
- Materials used in the EVA suit loop for CEV must be evaluated for use in 100% oxygen environments



$$P := 7, 7.1, \dots, 16$$

$$f(P) := .3 \cdot P$$

$$y := 3$$

$$x := 10.2$$

$$f2(P) := (.3 \cdot P) + .116$$

$$f3(P) := .3 \cdot P - .116$$

$$g(P) := 2.7$$

$$g1(P) := 2.5$$

$$g3(P) := 2.6 + .116$$

$$g4(P) := 3.1 - .116$$

$$g2(P) := 3.44$$

$$g5(P) := 2.6$$

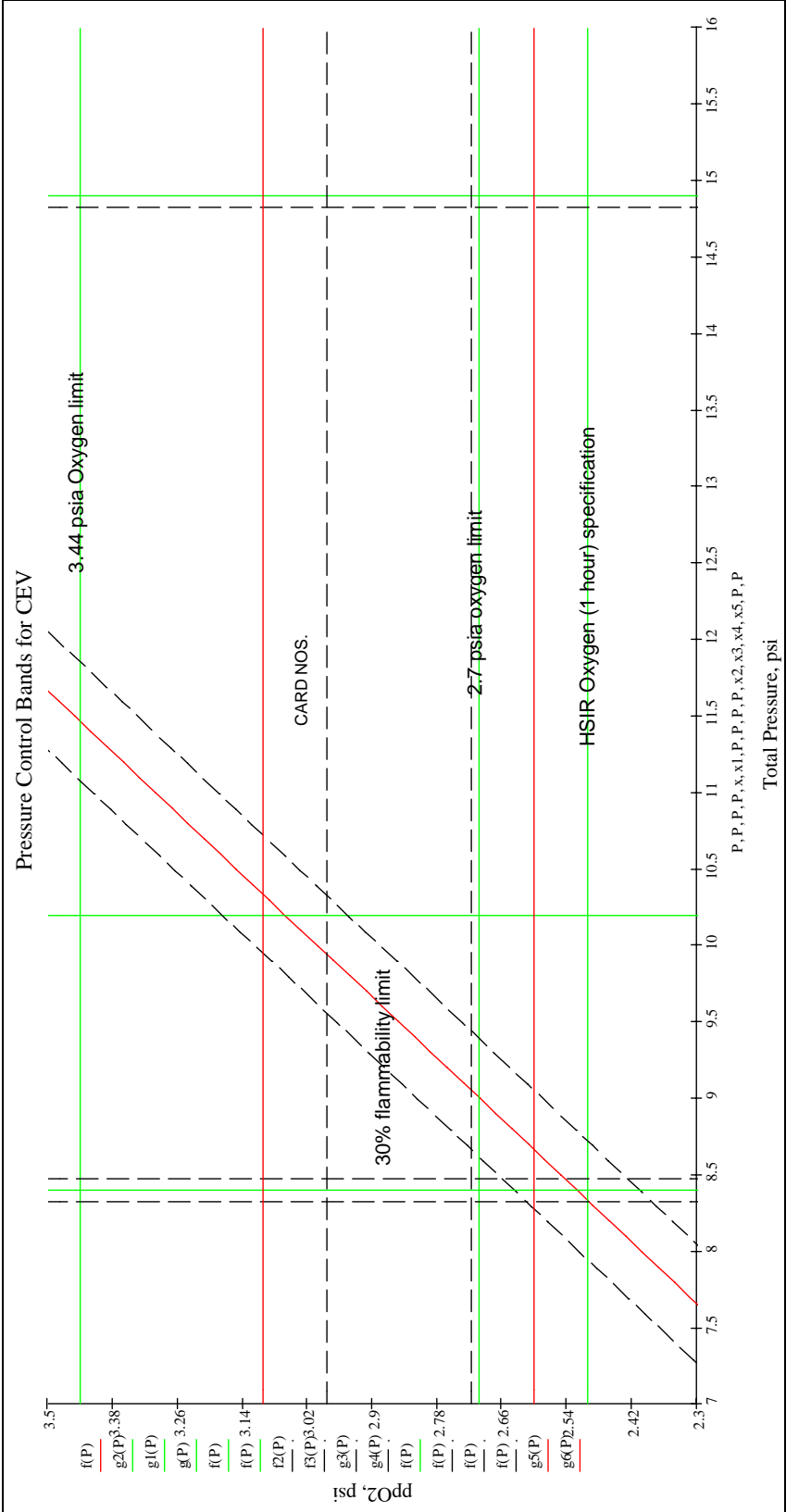
$$x1 := 14.9$$

$$g6(P) := 3.1$$

$$x2 := 8.4 \quad x4 := x2 - .075$$

$$x3 := x2 + .075 \quad x5 := x1 - .075$$

All error bands are set at +/- 2% of full scale (5.8 psi) for ppO2 (=0.116 psi) and at +/- 0.5% of FS (30 mV) for total pressure sensor (assumes 15 psi is 30 mV at full scale) per D684-10508, Volume 2, Book 02, Rev C of the ISS ECLS Architecture Description Document. pages 3.2-64 and 3.2-72. According to Kevin Lange the error bands are taken into consideration by the materials experts when the materials are evaluated.



Shuttle/ISS

Shuttle EVA

60 minute Prebreath

$P(\text{DCS}) = 0.089$  (4 hr EVA)

Cabin Total Pressure, kPa

19 20 21 22 23 24

